

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

DONY'A SHANNON OMAR CONNER,

Case No. 3:20-cv-00260-JAD-WGC

Plaintiff

v.

MULLARD, *et. al.*,

**Order Dismissing
and Closing Case**

Defendants

Plaintiff Dony'a Shannon Omar Conner brings this civil-rights lawsuit to redress constitutional violations that he claims he suffered while detained at the Washoe County Sheriff's Department. On May 5, 2020, this Court denied plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and ordered the plaintiff to either pay the \$400 filing fee or file a complete *in forma pauperis* application by July 6, 2020.¹ That deadline expired without a new application or payment of the filing fee.

District courts have the inherent power to control their dockets and "[i]n the exercise of that power, they may impose sanctions including, where appropriate . . . dismissal" of a case.² A court may dismiss an action based on a party's failure to prosecute an action, failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules.³ In determining whether to dismiss an action

¹ ECF No. 3.

² *Thompson v. Hous. Auth. of City of Los Angeles*, 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986).

³ *See Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53–54 (9th Cir. 1995) (dismissal for noncompliance with local rule); *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260–61 (9th Cir. 1992) (dismissal for failure to comply with an order requiring amendment of complaint); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440–41 (9th Cir. 1988) (dismissal for failure to comply with local rule requiring *pro se* plaintiffs to keep court apprised of address); *Malone v. U.S. Postal Service*, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir.

on one of these grounds, the court must consider: (1) the public’s interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court’s need to manage its docket; (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy favoring disposition of cases on their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic alternatives.⁴

The first two factors, the public’s interest in expeditiously resolving this litigation and the court’s interest in managing its docket, weigh in favor of dismissal of the plaintiff’s claims. The third factor, risk of prejudice to defendants, also weighs in favor of dismissal because a presumption of injury arises from the occurrence of unreasonable delay in filing a pleading ordered by the court or prosecuting an action.⁵ A court’s warning to a party that its failure to obey the court’s order will result in dismissal satisfies the fifth factor’s “consideration of alternatives” requirement,⁶ and that warning was given here.⁷ The fourth factor—the public policy favoring disposition of cases on their merits—is greatly outweighed by the factors favoring dismissal.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that **THIS ACTION IS DISMISSED** without prejudice based on the plaintiff’s failure to file a complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the filing fee as ordered. The Clerk of Court is directed to **ENTER JUDGMENT** accordingly and **CLOSE THIS CASE. No other documents may be filed in this now-closed case.** If Dony'a Shannon Omar Conner wishes to pursue his claims, he must file a complaint in a new

1987) (dismissal for failure to comply with court order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986) (dismissal for lack of prosecution and failure to comply with local rules).

⁴ *Thompson*, 782 F.2d at 831; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1423–24; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 130; *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1260–61; *Ghazali*, 46 F.3d at 53.

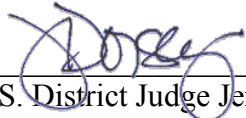
⁵ See *Anderson v. Air West*, 542 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976).

⁶ *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 132–33; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1424.

⁷ ECF No. 3.

1 case, and he must either pay the \$400 filing fee or file a complete *in forma pauperis* application
2 in that new case.

3 Dated: July 14, 2020

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5 U.S. District Judge Jennifer A. Dorsey